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1. a. During negotiations in Berlin on 7 February 1950 between two representatives of the Tewa Firm, VEB, in Neustadt Orla (M51/J84) (the largest thin wire weaving plant in the Soviet Zone of Germany) and Soviet officials of the Berlin subsidiary of the Soviet Foreign Trade Ministry, the Soviets demanded the production of 70,000 square meters of thin wire mesh for 1950. This amount can only be reached by producing the 7,000 mesh weaving instead of the improved 10,000 mesh weaving, while using a somewhat stronger wire to have the same narrow mesh width (wire gauge 0.05 mm in diameter).
- b. Such mesh could also be manufactured with comparatively few defects by smaller firms. In fact, these small firms have to be included in the production program, as the Tewa Plant in Neustadt and the Baderschneider & Lenzner Plant in Zeulenroda alone cannot attain the requested amount in any kind of weaving.
- c. These additional firms are:
 Beyer Plant in Graefenthal (M 51/J 51) in Thuringia
 Lose Plant in Meininger (M 51/H 82)
 Tewa Plant in Raguhn (M 52/E 15) Saxony-Anhalt
2. The Jaeger Firm, VEB, in Neustadt/Orla manufactures the reeds used by the plants for manufacturing the 7,000 mesh weaving, while the Tewa Plant VEB in Neustadt/Orla produces its own reeds.
3. a. The first loom in the Tewa Plant in Neustadt/Orla will start operation in February 1950.
- b. So far the Tewa Plant in Neustadt has been given only a general instruction to proceed with the manufacture of the 10,000 mesh weaving and no special order has been received. It is assumed that this production will perhaps be suspended entirely after the expected decision from higher quarters has been received.
4. Orders are given by the Berlin Office of the Soviet Foreign Trade Ministry, 19-21 Brunnenstrasse.

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Tichenko is reportedly the chief of this office. The orders are passed through another agency, the Deutsche-Aussenhandels-Abteilung (German Foreign Trade Department) abbreviated "DAHA".

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The finished mesh is checked and accepted by an engineer who belongs to [REDACTED]

5.

The reparations administration of the SKK Thuringia has been greatly reduced.

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[REDACTED] Comment:

- a. The report confirms the main points of previous reports on the manufacture of thin nickel wire mesh in the Soviet Zone of Germany. According to a recent report the Soviets demand not only 70,000 square meters of thin nickel wire weavings for 1950, but even 72,000 square meters.

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